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Title

Evolution of a Process – Alaska's STORET Data Entry Saga

Abstract

This presentation tells of the evolution of Alaska's process for getting data into STORET.

Alaska water quality monitoring data comes from various sources: volunteer organizations, State, federal and local government agencies, and contract vendors. Given that there is only a generic method or system provided to them, or worse, a method of their own making, these organizations may provide data to the State in a variety of formats and content. This inconsistency of data from the various organizations makes it quite a challenge to move the data into STORET.

Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has taken the lead in implementing STORET within Alaska. As such, DEC works directly with those entities who provide monitoring data to the State. Over the past few years, DEC has spent much effort in researching and implementing a solution for getting monitoring data into STORET. At issue was *simplicity* of the process vs. *completeness of data*. As we all know, the data that STORET houses is not simple by any means. The objective for DEC was to find a process that would work for all entities who provide data *and* that was simple (and inexpensive) enough for all.

This presentation will lay out the course that was taken by Alaska DEC, the pros and cons of the selected solution, and challenges that still lie ahead.

Key Phrase Identifiers

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